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Don Lockhart of Berkhamsted,  
off with three other swinging  
sexagenarians on a Himalayan  
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Diamond Jubilee Fund.

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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:

- 1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
- 2 To give personal service.
- 3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
- 4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

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# view point

## 'A bit of trouble'

*Central Council*

*Report 1975*

'Hmm . . . I got a bit of trouble, Betty'—as Michael Crawford (or John Hull) would say.

You see, there's not a lot to report on this Council—or not a lot of consequence, anyway. Yet we seem to have covered the pages: that's Parkinson's Law for you.

Few of the motions on the agenda paper were of much import to Toc H, with the notable exception of the new appointments and the debate on regional representation on the Central Executive Committee. Much of the business was about administrative technicalities which, granted, have to be dealt with but are not matters to stir the heart. I gathered from several councillors that they could do little more than raise a groan when they saw the agenda paper. And this was reflected in the way business was discussed: the Council could fairly be described

as apathetic and certainly was in no mood to challenge anything.

But all was not lost! The atmosphere over the week-end was generally good and it seemed a happy gathering. The best value of the week-end was for the most part outside the agenda, and the high spot for me was the talk on Saturday evening by Colin Gregg.

Colin, a member of Tyneside/Wearside District, spoke about the work which he is doing with disturbed boys at Talbot House, Seghill, a small mining village near Newcastle upon Tyne. Together with 16 staff, the nucleus of whom are Toc H members and former project volunteers from the Alnmouth camp, he has started a school for boys with behaviour problems who board from Monday to Friday. (The story was reported almost a year ago in March 1975 *Point Three*, and we will be keeping you up to date with the school's progress.) But suffice it to say that Colin illustrated exactly what our Director had, that morning, challenged us all to do: 'be more ambitious for Toc H'. In this, Colin made an extremely valuable contribution to the week-end, for he stretched our minds and made us realise just what one can achieve, given the dedication and determination. Dedication, however, is not to be taken lightly, for the toll on Colin's patience, health, strength and family life is not inconsiderable. 'Sometimes I think I must have been mad', he said, 'but we're pulling through now.'

On Sunday morning more talks were arranged, given by councillors who have specific extension ventures in their constituencies. Graham Irwin (Springfields) spoke about the growing enthusiasm on the Shrublands Estate, Croydon, in large measure due to the efforts of Bob Mills, warden of the Croydon Centre. (This was reported last month in *Point Three*.) Dick Stayman (Craven) talked about the grow-

ing demand for Colsterdale, the Toc H centre on the moors near Masham, North Yorkshire, and about the increasing use made of it by the Probation Service. (See the almost fully-booked calendar on page 199!)

These talks seemed to be appreciated by councillors, and it may well be in the future that, as Regional Councils take over more of the Movement's business, there will be more time for this sort of sharing of experience.

For I would think that it is vitally important to make Council an opportunity for not only discussing business but also recharging the batteries and one's faith and vision in Toc H. After all, there are about 100 councillors gathered there, plus 60 staff, honorary staff and also other guests. That is a lot of money, time and effort to invest in one week-end, and it should really be a high spot of the year.

It is fitting to give the last word to our Betty—Betty Cornick, retiring chairman of the Council, who, before concluding the Council business, remarked:

'We are getting towards the end of Diamond Jubilee Year and we look back on lots of glittering occasions. It has been an emotional year. Remembering all that has been said, done, thought, prayed, sung and celebrated this year, I find it a little sad that throughout the Movement, the level of thinking has only reached the agenda here today. They are all bread-and-butter matters.

'We have had reference made to the Archbishop's appeal: the two questions, "What sort of society do we want?" "What sort of people do we need to be in order to achieve it?"'

'I would like to think that Toc H will address itself to these questions and that the motions next year will reflect that level of thinking.'

**S McW**



# CENTRAL COUNCIL 1975

## Appointments

### Trustees

The Central Council confirmed with unanimity the appointments of Betty Cornick and John Callf as Trustees of Toc H. Many tributes were paid to Betty during the week-end for the fine fashion in which she has served the Movement as Chairman of the CEC over these past five years, and as Cyril Cattell said in proposing her appointment: 'This is the least which we as a Movement can gladly do to honour her . . . and to remind her that as this office commands very high responsibility, we are not letting her off the leash, but tightening it somewhat.'

Cyril was obviously delighted to propose his old friend John Callf as a Trustee. Indeed, Cyril was the first man John appointed to the staff when he was Administrator in 1953. I asked John later what exactly a Trustee had to do. 'Oh', he said, 'I'm the

chap they send to gaol when Toc H runs into debt.'

### Headquarters Padre

'He's a lovely man . . . dotty, impossible, wonderful.' So Betty Cornick introduced John Hull, whose appointment as Headquarters Padre was unanimously confirmed by the Central Council for a period of five years.

Bob Knight warmly supported Betty. 'In the wisdom of the Almighty, the right man is found at the right stage. We have reached a clear point where we need someone who knows something about rhythm and harmony and John knows more about that than anyone else.

'Our friendship goes back some years. In 1965 I was invited to Clacton, ostensibly to preach at the evening service but really to suss out the new curate. When I found that he was in love with one of the choir girls, I thought, "That's always a good sign", and when I found that he didn't have to leave the parish in order to marry her, I thought, "That's even better!"'

And for his part, John gave us this:

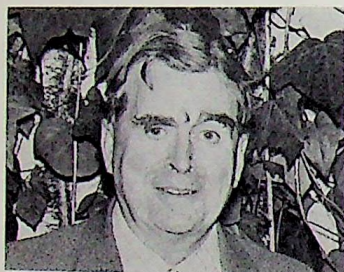
'If I have a message, it is nothing new. It is that the purpose of Toc H, indeed the purpose of life, is to be seen not in the far future—nor round the next corner—but here and now. It is not so much what we do as what we are. We are required to live for the moment—that is, here and now.

'And with this, never underestimate the power of prayer . . . and don't be afraid to laugh. Many times I've been forced to giggle in a prayer. This Movement was founded on prayer and joy, and these things go hand in hand. And if I'm here for any reason at all, it is to try to help us to see that in spite of worldly

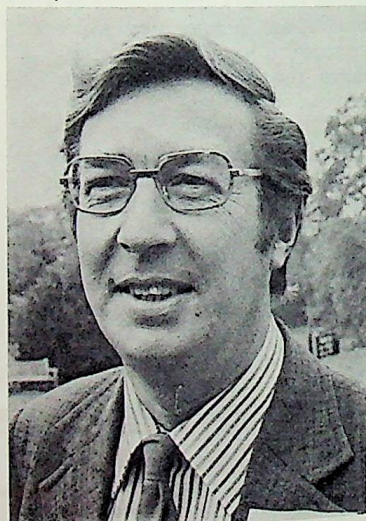
wealth Toc H still prays and Toc H still laughs.'

New appointments are often tinged with regret, and especially this time as Bob Knight relinquishes his duties after 11 years as Headquarters Padre. Bob is not, however, leaving Toc H but is going to work in the Southern Region, based on Winchester.

As Betty Cornick said: 'It is impossible to evaluate the kind of service Bob has given. The demands during his 11 years at Headquarters have been tremendous, and Bob has at all times risen to meet them, often at the expense of his own health and strength. . . . Then there are the significant contributions he has made through his books: *An Honest Test* and *Yours is the Glory*—but way beyond these are the many people among the staff and membership who would want to acknowledge the help and support, encouragement and comfort that they have received from Bob. . . . I know that there are many people at Wendover and among the staff who would echo Betty's sentiments.



Congratulations to our two new Trustees: John Callf and Betty Cornick. Betty is retiring from the Chair of the CEC, having given us five years of remarkable leadership. Photographs by Bob Broeder



Congratulations to our new Headquarters Padre, John Hull



## Annual Report

The Annual Report was presented and accepted without demur.

Betty Cornick made a special point of drawing Council's attention to two small paragraphs in the Report: the first, on page 24 in the Accounts, which emphasises that *'It would help if every member bought a copy of 'Point Three' each month'*; the second on page 28 in Membership statistics which emphasises that *'for the first time in years there is a barely perceptible drop in the total membership figures over the past 12 months'*.

## Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were presented by the Hon Treasurer, Gerry Ashfield, and accepted. The main concern on the Accounts was on the cost of housing for staff. Gerry replied: 'I know that the sort of figures that one now has to spend on even a quite modest size house are very large in comparison with what they used to be. When we are dealing with the General Secretary, or the Administrative Padre or the senior members of our staff we do try to provide them with somewhere where they can entertain,

something which is above the minimum and something which will maintain its value in the future and which we can sell at a profit. We have found that our house property has proved to be a very worthwhile investment over many years. I personally consider this a very good investment and I stand by what has been done.'

## The Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund

Jim Brown, trustee of the Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund, reported that the £29,000 donated by the membership and from the City of London had been increased by nearly £4,800 from interest and dividends. Grants have been given as follows: £500 to Community Care and Concern USA; £500 to the Winant and Clayton Volunteer Scheme; £2,000 to the Tubby Clayton minibus for Tower Hill.

'None of the capital has yet been spent', said Jim Brown. 'What we particularly want is some project to which the name of Tubby Clayton can be proudly associated ... there is no question of frittering it away.'

## Motions

### Regional representation on the CEC

Last year Central Council instructed the Central Executive Committee to find a satisfactory method of ensuring that every Region was represented on it. This year the CEC came back to Council to say that, despite lengthy discussion at two meetings and the endeavours of a working party, its members were not able to find a solution which would comply with Council's demands. There was considerable division of opinion because of the difficulty in reconciling two conflicting principles: the principle of direct representation from Regions, and the right of the Central Council to make its own elections.

Alan Brooke, proposer of the motion, explained: 'While some CEC members felt that each Region should have the right to make its own appointment, with a formal ratification from the Council, others felt this would usurp Council's authority and right of appointment.'

As there was no apparent solution, the CEC decided to phrase a motion in two parts: carrying first a recommendation and, second, an alternative.

The motion, proposed by Alan Brooke and seconded by Janet Rauch, read as follows: *'The Central Executive Committee have not found a satisfactory method of complying with the 1974 Central Council's request that Regional Representation on the Central Executive Committee be ensured, but recommend: "That amongst those nominated for election from each Region the Region shall indicate a 'first preference', such preference to be indicated in the 'Particulars of Candidates' paper circulated to Councillors."*

*'Should the Central Council insist on direct representation it is recommended*



Director Ken Prideaux-Brune challenges us all to be more ambitious for Toc H. Toc H gets things done indeed! Right: Chairman Betty Cornick, General Secretary Gilbert Francis



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*that the procedure should be: "That Regions be asked to make a nomination of one Candidate to the Central Executive Committee to be elected individually by the Central Council on a show of hands. Each Region would put forward one name, making a list of eight people. The remaining ten places on the Central Executive Committee would be elected on the basis of nomination, and ballot at the Central Council meeting."*

The motion was lost; the *status quo* remains: ie that Central Council elects (by secret ballot) 18 members to the CEC, which continues the right to co-opt two members.

Three CEC members spoke in favour of retaining the *status quo*. Doris Longley: 'I fail to see why we have to alter it. To my knowledge, in five years all Regions have been represented and when we co-opted members we considered whether every Region was represented.' John Morgan felt strongly that 'everyone should take their place in the voting and not come expecting a place as of right'. John Cutt stressed that CEC members were there to represent Toc H and not their particular Region.

Several Councillors voiced their distaste of selecting a first preference among candidates: among them, two Regional Chairmen, Peter Danmers (South Western

Region) and Reg Peters (South-eastern Region).

The whole point of Regional representation on the CEC is to improve communications, said Ralph Thorne (CEC and Chairman of North Wales & North West Region). He contended that 'the CEC does not get the accurate information it ought to have. . . . People in the Region know what is going on and can give an accurate report. . . . It was because of this that last year Council said: "We want representation."' Ralph was answered from the Chair by Betty Cornick, who assured Council that expert opinion is invited and consulted at CEC meetings when necessary.

George Boyle (Manchester: Bolton) proposed a motion, seconded by Rose Coates (Crewe and North Staffs) which was essentially the same as the second part of the CEC motion. George said that he was concerned with the practical angle: that without a member from each Region present, business could not be effectively carried out.

As it turned out, when the 18 members of the new CEC were elected by the unchanged ballot method, all eight Regions were represented.

However, the present voting system underlines the need for

Councillors to spread their votes over candidates from different parts of the country—while at the same time trying to assess the most competent people to serve on the CEC.

Finally, last year's instruction from the Central Council to the CEC, to find a satisfactory method of ensuring regional representation, was rescinded.

## Central Council elections

A motion from the CEC, proposed by Ralph Thorne and seconded by Harry Brier, asked the Council to consider '*that with effect from the 1976 elections, Central Councillors shall be elected at the District Annual General Meeting.*' The point of this was to enfranchise District members (who were formerly called 'General members', did not usually attend branch meetings and therefore did not usually vote).

Harry Brier explained that the CEC did appreciate the difficulties of members who live in widespread Districts, but said that the importance of the meeting—to elect the governing body of Toc H—warranted the effort entailed.

The fundamental objection to this motion was raised by John Mitchell (staff) who pointed out that while it enfranchises some



The retiring Central Executive Committee 1974-5 (left to right): David Ratcliff, Vera Inglis, John Cutt, Dick Roberts, Alan Brooke, Beryl Pugh, John Morgan, Janet Rauch, half of Ken Prideaux-Brune (Director), Doris Longley, Ralph Thorne, Agnes Cook, Harry Brier, Arthur Frymann, Gerry Ashfield, Betty Cornick (Chairman), Gilbert Francis (General Secretary), Doc Mitchell, Cyril Cattell, Olive Tennant, Don Lockhart, Mary Edwards, Bob Knight (HQ Padre)



members it disfranchises others: particularly those on shift-work, those who are ill or housebound or who live in Cheshire Homes. These people would not be able to attend—through no fault of their own—and should not, he felt, be penalised.

Peter Danmers (East Devon, and South West Regional Chairman) came up with a constructive suggestion: to leave the system as it is, as it works very well (i.e. with members voting at their branches) but to enfranchise District members by inviting them to attend their nearest branch on the particular night of the election. Alternatively, he said, as a second best, one could resort to a postal vote.

Keith Beck (staff) suggested that the members of the District branch could meet together to vote, as normal branch members.

The CEC motion was lost, and it has yet to be decided how District members will vote.

## CEC meetings

Two members from the North Eastern Region, Albert Sturgeon (Teesside) and Frank Hutchinson (Darlington) voiced their Region's concern that the frequency of CEC meetings meant that it was difficult to find people of the right calibre who were prepared to spend that much time away in

committee. 'The motion was:

*'As it is becoming more difficult to find members willing to accept nomination for the Central Executive, due largely to the amount of time required, the number of Central Executive Committee Meetings should be reduced.'*

The motion was lost.

Adrian Dudman (staff) said that there were important issues at stake: 'If we are serious about the devolution of responsibility to Regions it is only right that the CEC should take a look at the frequency of its meetings, the place where it meets and the number of people on its sub-committees. This process ought to start now.'

Don Lockhart (CEC) had made this point earlier in the day. 'If we believe in decentralisation, we should restrict the number of the CEC by half... so that the CEC deals only with central problems and sees that the policies and whole purpose of Toc H are maintained throughout the country. Too many members are involved on committees.'

The Director, Ken Prideaux-Brune, stated that 'it is inevitable that the CEC should decide on its own meetings... but I have been concerned about this, and I hope that the new CEC will consider this matter very fully'.

## Small branch complaint

Marjorie Truscott (Plymouth: Wivelshire) introduced a concern from some small branches in the South West. Seconded by Derek Brown (Mid-Cornwall: West Cornwall), the motion read:

*'That Headquarters be a little more lenient to small branches in the amount required for Family Purse, having regard to the increase in the amount needed to maintain the branch.'*

Marjorie explained: 'This motion is brought to you solely in order to put across the difficulties some branches have in meeting their commitments... Rightly or wrongly, branches feel that their difficulties are not so understood.' Marjorie pointed to the fact that in Cornwall job opportunities are rare, salaries are low in comparison with other parts of the country and many branches have a preponderance of elderly, retired or widowed members.

This motion found no support from the floor and subsequently failed. While several people remarked on the need to be sympathetic to those whom we ask for money, it was pointed out that Toc H membership is not contingent on a subscription; that a self-assessment scheme operates where people pay what they can afford.

David Ratcliff (CEC) questioned why it is that branches raise

The new Central Executive Committee (left to right): Arthur Frymann, Janet Rauch, Tom Gulliver, Vera Inglis, Gilbert Francis, Alexander Michael, Dick Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Eric Abbiss, Cyril Cattell (Chairman), Hugh Hughes, Reg Coates, John Hull, Agnes Cook, David Ratcliff, John Cutt, Colin Rudd, John Morgan, Gerry Ashfield, Jim Lewis, Olive Tennant, Ken Prideaux-Brune, Mary Edwards. No one has been co-opted yet. Photo: Sue Cumming





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money for other organisations so easily. 'If we're any more lenient, we'll be giving it away!' And he reminded people that of course the money need not always come out of their own pockets. We can justifiably ask the public to support many of our projects, including the Diamond Jubilee Appeal.

George Barnett (Finance Secretary) leapt to his feet and strongly supported David Ratcliff. 'We are all members of Toc H whether we work voluntarily or full-time ... and part of our stewardship towards the Kingdom of God is to make possible a staff for Toc H. ... In 1969 each branch was challenged that collectively it could collect £5 per head of membership. That has never happened and it should now be £15 per head if we want to preserve our assets.

'Let's get our priorities right. We believe we should be in Toc H. We believe we need a staff to promote Toc H. If you believe that this Movement should go forward and extend the Kingdom of God you've got to find the money.'

### Annual review of membership

Jean Swanson (Hild w) and Albert Sturgeon (Teesside) moved that 'the requirement to obtain individual members' signatures on Branch Rolls be discontinued', because, primarily, they felt that the signature was unnecessary as it does not prove a member's commitment; secondly, because branch secretaries have to waste too much time in chasing after signatures; and therefore, thirdly, that they waste the Movement's money in the process.

This motion did find some support in the Council but was ultimately defeated by a large majority.

It is fair to say that there has been some misunderstanding over this process of renewing membership. It was introduced in *Action for the Seventies* (a) to bring the administrative method of renewing membership in line with the principle upon which membership of Toc H is based: i.e. that membership is a self-selecting process and does not depend on being judged worthy of entry in the eyes of others; and (b) because membership of Toc H demands a continual personal commitment and rededication to the aims of this Movement. It is therefore fitting that members should express their renewed commitment every year, by signing a membership roll.

Gilbert Francis (General Secretary) said that the new system had not yet led to any marked increase in the number of rolls still outstanding and that 88 per cent of the rolls received had been satisfactorily completed.

### Publicity

Marjorie Truscott (Plymouth: Wivelshire) and Derek Brown (Mid-Cornwall: West Cornwall) introduced their second motion:

*'That, although publicity of Toc H to the general public may be needed, less be spent on advertising material sent to branches—such as the Publicity Package.'*

'This motion is not aimed at criticising the content of the pack, which is, I think, approved by the vast majority of branches', explained Marjorie. 'My objection is twofold: the expense of the pack as opposed to the contents, and the presentation of the material to branches.

No one else spoke in support of this motion and it was totally lost. The pack won several compliments from the floor—Edwin Nuttall (Ashfield), 'money well

spent', John Chapman (Southampton: Salisbury Plain), 'first-class production'—and also from several PR consultants: John Graham MIPR, 'excellent pack, contains some gems of tips'; G D Gregory, PRO New Scotland Yard, 'contains really excellent guidance'.

But the pack will be no good unless the guidance is followed, and until branches realise how badly Toc H needs publicity, to make itself known. Sue Cumming (staff): 'It is continually coming to my notice that people don't know Toc H exists. Staff in the Social Services say to me, "Get more publicity ... people here have no idea that Toc H is such a swinging organisation."

Huw Gibbs (Public Relations Secretary) explained that the pack was conceived after the PR department had been asked to review *Extension* by Alec Churcher. 'We decided it would best be done as a pack. ... If we had wanted it to be read from cover to cover we would have written a book. We did not produce a book but a pack to be consulted and used.'

On CEC approval, a copy of the pack was sent to every branch. Total cost of producing 1,500 packs was £850, as we were lucky enough to have the folder printed at a concessionary price through the good services of the designer, David Gainford.

Betty Cornick fully endorsed this attempt to improve communications, both inside Toc H and with the general public. 'For too long lines of communication have been used as an excuse for not doing things. The lines are there, and if you do not use them the fault is yours. Communication lines are there all the time, but they don't come to life until you switch them on.'



## 'Point Three'

New arrangements for printing *Point Three*, approved by the CEC, were explained to Council. The change is designed to save about £300 per month on the printing bill and will also, by using a larger paper size, provide opportunities for a more effective design.

Please see inside back cover for further details.

If members want to preserve a *Toc H* monthly magazine, it is vital to keep up the circulation. *Every member, please see your way to buying a copy of your own.* 10p per month is cheap these days!

## Housing for the elderly

The Director reported that none of the proposals for a housing scheme which he had received were sufficiently concrete or advanced to put to Council. He referred members to George Liddle's article in October *Point Three* and stressed that initiatives must be taken locally.



## Toc H and the Churches

Last year Central Council urged the Movement, and its Central Executive, to '*consider ways of bringing to established churches an understanding of Toc H*'. Much thought has been given to this at the CEC, among the staff and membership, and the one firm conclusion common to all these discussions has been that any real progress in co-operating and in improving relationships with churches is more likely to be made at a local rather than a national level.

The General Secretary, Gilbert Francis, has compiled a paper which suggests practical ways in which you can strengthen links with the churches. Your Central Councillor has a copy.

In addition, Alan Daniels, who introduced this subject to the Council, suggested that many churches would welcome a specific project—such as the Pannikampatti health and welfare centre—in which they could develop an interest and to which they could donate some missionary funds.

Doris Longley (CEC) encouraged members to contribute to church magazines and Bishops' diocesan letters to broadcast what *Toc H* is doing. And Charles Potts (Wessex: New Forest) urged staff and members to make a determined effort to approach every theological college of every denomination, so that the clergy can get to know of *Toc H*. As Bob Knight remarked, 'We are not necessarily asking them to join; but we can show them how *Toc H* could help them in their pastoral ministry.'

Left: Brier and Thorne: Harry Brier (right) and Ralph Thorne (left), Chairmen of the North East, and North Wales & North West Regions respectively, proposed changing the method of electing Councillors. Both retired from the CEC this year

## Diamond Jubilee report

Doris Longley, Diamond Jubilee sub-committee chairman, gave us a chat about the Westminster Festival last May—as only she can do it! The story would lose in the re-telling, so I won't attempt the task. Her final word, however, I must repeat, as she threw out a challenge to every member: 'Let's aim to make each year a Jubilee ... there's plenty to be done.'

## Port Penrhyn

We were given an insight into the faith of members in North Wales and their hopes for Port Penrhyn as Hugh Hughes shared with us something of the vision which inspired this venture. And the Director, Ken Prideaux-Brune, stresses: 'This can be the means of sharing something of *Toc H* with a great many people and is thus a real investment in the future of the Movement. I hope that we shall seek ways of enabling every branch to play a part in this act of thanksgiving and expression of confidence in the future.'

## Diamond Jubilee Fund

A whole lot of fund-raising ideas poured out at Council, encouraged by Arthur Frymann, Diamond Jubilee co-ordinator.

Prize-winning idea came from Charles Potts (Wessex: New Forest) who said that his branch members were being paid £1 an hour for sitting as subjects at art evening classes in further education colleges. Two hours per week for three weeks times 18 members is making £108 for the Fund—painlessly!

Other ideas include:

Charity rugby match (there's an 1871 Club near Bristol which plays according to 1871 rules—and gear! More details from Huw Gibbs, PRO).

Christmas carol singing  
Christmas charity concerts



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Giving up money usually spent  
on branch Christmas dinners  
Hospital whist drive  
Appeals to sports and social clubs  
(especially for Port Penrhyn)  
Alexandra Rose Day collections  
Flag days  
Charity shops  
Cultivating pot plants to sell  
Floral arrangements  
Church collections  
Church missionary funds (for  
Pannikampatti)  
Copper jars in pubs  
'Smarties' boxes (fill with coppers  
or 5p pieces)  
Coffee mornings (dead easy!)  
Wine and cheese parties  
Bread and cheese lunches  
Bookstalls  
And sponsored swims, slims,  
silences, walks, tidy-ups and even  
a sponsored climb-a-mountain!

Central Council itself managed to  
raise a sponsored climb! Some-  
one suggested sending a member  
to the Himalayas on a sponsored  
climb. Don Lockhart (CEC) said  
jokingly that he was, in fact,  
going out there anyway on a

holiday trek, and the idea was  
taken up from there.

Don set off on Saturday 15  
November and should be back  
by the time you read this. He  
hopes to get to 16,000 feet or  
more, and with at least 70  
councillors sponsoring him for  
every 500 feet, and with many  
more sponsorships coming in  
from the Regions, the Diamond  
Jubilee Fund stands to gain quite  
a haul.

Don said that he was only too  
pleased to be able to help the  
project, especially as he is closely  
involved with the Port Penrhyn  
Centre and sits on its  
development committee.

'I just hope I don't get off the  
plane at Katmandhu and break a  
leg before we even start', he said.  
He is going with three friends,  
all in their sixties, and together  
with porters and two sherpas the  
party will spend most of the trip  
in the Langtan Valley, a lesser-  
known part of the Himalayas,  
near the Tibetan border.

Don has been climbing for the  
past 20 years. 'I do it for fun', he  
said. 'I love mountains and have  
done all my life. Getting up  
there, away from it all, helps to  
put life into perspective.'



Record sales were made on the  
bookstall, due to the untiring efforts  
of Skegg Blanchard (left), who  
mans the Headquarters Publications  
department



Guest speaker: Colin Gregg, a  
member of Toc H and formerly on  
the CEC, spoke about the work  
being done for disturbed boys at  
Talbot House, Seghill, a small village  
near Newcastle upon Tyne

## Jubilee Appeal Theme Song

**Ken Rogers**

Riding down to Bangor  
On our Jubilee train  
From an Indian village  
Six thousand miles between.  
This is a Toc H venture  
To get the money in-see?  
To build a well and centre  
At Panni-kam-patti.

*Choo, choo, choo, choo, choo-choo  
Raise Five pounds do!*

At Bangor, there is Penrhyn-  
A spot beside the sea;  
Where is now in building  
A place for you and me.  
'Twas started by a Welshman  
Whose dream became a scheme,  
To give us all some training  
To climb and sail and swim.

This year, Toc H is sixty;  
It doesn't seem so long  
Since Tubby opened Talbot House  
In dear old Poperinge.  
But now to do a job have we-  
To open Port Penrhyn,  
And also Panni-kam-patti;  
So, let us all begin.

We've already got five thousand:  
Pounds, that is-not miles!  
We're on our way rejoicing,  
Our faces wreathed in smiles.  
For this is what we have to do  
Before the year is o'er  
To raise from every so-and-so  
Just thirty thousand more.

So, we must search our pockets,  
And our friends' as well;  
To find those lurking fivers  
And for every penny yell.  
They total all together  
To make a five-pound mile  
Which is our Jubilee Effort  
In proper thankful style.

Riding down to Bangor  
Looking not for strife,  
Sits George Barnett asking  
Your money or your life!  
We mustn't disappoint him  
Or those in India, who  
There in Panni-kam-patti  
Wait expectant too.





# talking point

Arthur Noble

## Rediscovering the salt

Toc H has always believed in a spiritual approach to its problems, whether these were of the everyday, run-of-the-mill issues at branch level or the deliberations of Central Council.

The early Christians lived in small communes, sharing their homes and food with fellow members. They eagerly awaited the Second Coming of Christ in all His Glory, but as time passed various groups broke away and developed their own form of Christianity. This disunity has continued to this day, but with the difference that the major Christian Churches are now seeking to come together again, slowly and painfully through the Ecumenical Movement.

At an Area Week-end in the early 'thirties, William Temple, then Archbishop of York, invited the Yorkshire Toc H to Bishopthorpe. On the Sunday morning Holy Communion was taken on the lawn in front of his palace, the Archbishop celebrating the Anglican Communion on one side of the drive and the Free Churches on the other side. Each Communion was heard by everyone present, but each took Communion according to his own Church's ritual. These were the early days of the Ecumenical Movement in which Toc H was a pioneer.

Is this the time that Toc H should pause and re-think its purpose in this world of ours? All things change and Toc H has done so, possibly more subtly than we realise. At its formation Toc H was one of the few national charities dealing with social problems. Today there seems to be a charity dealing with every known form of physical and mental illness. At the same time the central Government produces more legislation for local social service work. Voluntary bodies are finding it increasingly difficult to find both money and people for this work. There is an increased pressure by the more militant charities for support from the public. Instead of Toc H competing in this field, jumping on fashionable 'bandwagons', let us take a closer look at what we can do to help from a spiritual point of view.

We believe that each one of us is entitled to worship God in his own way, seeking always for the Truth. Immigrants coming into this country belong to different religions, and Toc H welcomes everybody in our work, irrespective of class, colour or religious beliefs. This country through the centuries has assimilated many of the oppressed peoples of the world, and throughout our history they have brought with them different skills and ideals which have become part of our joint heritage. This problem of assimilation cannot be solved except by communication between us, by the understanding of each other's problems and an acceptance of the fact that we are all children of God. If the problem is not settled quickly—it will not go away—ghettos will be formed in every community with their attendant strife. Toc H can help by working with the various religious bodies belonging to the immigrants. Toc H can rediscover its pioneering role and can bring together all the religions in this country to share their experiences in the spirit of understanding and fellowship.

## Raise-a-Mile New Year Brain-teaser

Use that spare half-hour to find how many four-letter (and more) words you can make from the ten letters of RAISE A MILE.

No prizes are offered, but perhaps by the time you have listed more than the 100 words which can be found, you will have thought up some useful ideas to raise money for the Diamond Jubilee Fund—a kind of association of ideas!

You might even want to send an extra gift yourself in recognition of your super skill, intelligence, tenacity or whatever—or just in plain thankfulness for the blessing of Christmas and a new year.

The Raise-a-Mile collecting cards are coming back in increasing numbers with their accompanying 'fivers'; our thanks to everybody concerned. More and more contributions from branches and special efforts have brought the total in the fund to over £7,500 which is greatly encouraging.

*Footnote about Wales.* Just five miles from Port Penrhyn where our new project centre is, there is a little place called Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch. That's 58 letters—how many words could you make from that? No, we are not asking you to try. But you might persuade anyone who has visited there to think of sending a gift to another tongue-twisting place we are interested in—Pannikampatti in South India—just 6,000 miles away.

Happy New Year thinking!

Ken Rogers  
Diamond Jubilee Fund Secretary



# news point

News, cartoons, crosswords and photos (clear black and white, please) are always welcome. Please send to: Editorial Office, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6BT.

## Consequences of compassion

Audrey Elvin

*Joint Chairman, Huddersfield joint branch*

Florence Morrell and Margaret Marsh, members of Huddersfield joint branch, have both given many years' service to the Mill Hill geriatric hospital in Huddersfield, and have been members of the League of Hospital Friends since it was formed.

Florrie is an artist and has sold her paintings to raise money for a scheme to provide a sitting-room for the elderly patients in the hospital, who formerly had nowhere to sit during the day but on the edge of their beds. The picture shows Florrie presenting one of her

paintings of a local scene to the Hospital Administrator, for hanging in the sitting-room which is now a reality. Florrie and Margaret helped to raise £1,000 for the decoration and furnishing of the room, a light and cheerful place, and the joy and pleasure of the old people who now use it were reward enough for all the hard work that went into providing it.

Florrie is not only an artist but also a poet, and her work with old people has inspired her to write the following lines. The first, the thoughts of one of the elderly patients, she calls 'As from an old lady'.

When you walk quickly by with a smile in your glance,  
Do you ever see someone who could once sing and dance?  
Or do you see an old lady with a thin, wrinkled face,  
Who once dressed in smart fashion, now wears only nighties and lace,  
Who once walked for miles over moorland and dale,  
Fell madly in love with a good-looking male?  
My life was once full, I had no time to spare,  
Looking after children and babes was my care,  
I have seen them grow to strong healthy manhood,  
All the joy of this I would show, if only I could.

And these, the thoughts of a nurse about her charges, Florrie calls 'As from a nurse'.

Yes, I see a sweet old lady, who sometimes I have to feed,  
Do up her hair and see to her every need,  
Wanting my attention almost all the day,  
Gets very upset when I've no time to stay;  
Wants the window open, wants the window shut,  
See her very weary with her life in a rut.  
She does not know I would love to stay and make a bit of fuss.  
Yes, you see there are so many of you and so very few of us.

## Pensioners' pop-in

Doug Golding

For its Jubilee project last year Tetbury branch, Gloucestershire, completed a scheme that it has had in mind for several years. The branch saw the need for a 'Pop-in' for pensioners in the centre of the town close to the shops and the Post Office. During last summer, the 'feoffees' (estate holders) of the town made available a couple of rooms under the old Tudor market hall, and the branch members undertook the job of fitting out these rooms as pensioners' rest rooms. On meeting nights during July, August and part of September concrete floors were laid, walls were painted, a serving counter built, holes and openings boarded up and the place generally made habitable. Then carpets and curtains, furniture and fittings were scrounged and the whole comfortable 'Pop-in' was handed over and officially opened for use by the town's old folk on 10 October. Members of the Toc H women's branch and the WRVS will be in attendance on all days that the 'Pop-in' is open, to make a cup of tea. A combined effort by Toc H, feoffees, WRVS and publicity by the Lions Club and the local press has made possible this much-needed contribution to the community.

## News from Newcastle

Newcastle branch, Staffordshire, did not miss the opportunity of publicity in Diamond Jubilee year: they persuaded the Parks Committee to plant a floral display in the Queen's Gardens, which lasted throughout the summer, and they also staged a three-week window display in Newcastle's new library. And not forgetting the Diamond Jubilee Appeal Fund: an October concert starring the Parkhall Male Voice Choir raised £35. Their Jubilee celebration service was combined with the World Chain of Light.



Photo: Huddersfield Examiner



## The Bangor Summer School

Ernest Long

*Point Three correspondent*

Good weather, grand fellowship and excellent discussions were the three hallmarks of the 1975 Summer School at Bangor, North Wales. Some old colleagues were missed and some newcomers welcomed. The experience of veterans Iain Fraser and Johnnie Macmillan and the enthusiasm of the young staff men Alan Daniels and Frank Rice contributed to an exceptional week.

On our first evening, an early contact of Talbot House, the Rev J Macgregor Pearson, spoke of his experiences of the Toc H of 50 to 60 years ago, and during the days which followed we were brought up to date by Padre John Gingell, now Industrial Adviser to the Bishop of Derby, who dealt with the theme 'Life is for Living'.

The early morning mini-sermons from Padre Basil Jones gave clues to the resolution of many everyday problems, and at the end of the week, in summing up the series, Johnnie Mac referred to the strong element of 'choice' in the kind of living and the kind of life open to us all today. He finished his summary with an epigram which might start many a branch controversy: 'Toc H is concerned with persons; statutory bodies with cases'.

Organised trips went smoothly: we attended a Jubilee Service at the Cathedral; and some of us took the opportunity of visiting the Penrhyn slate warehouse which the Movement is converting into an Adventure Centre as one of its Jubilee projects. The Noson Lawen on the last evening was organised by the Bangor branch and we had some rare entertainment.

The Quarter-mastering and general Sergeant-majoring of Cyril Carrier was, once more, pre-eminent, and the catering, as always, under the supervision of Mrs Hopley, wife of the warden of Church House, was again superb.

A fine week, but without a doubt we missed that extra sparkle and

gaiety which the School founder, Padrc John Jones, always brought to the scene ... we remembered him often during the week.

### Summer School 1976

11-17 July

Theme: 'In Love and Joy and Peace'.

The main speaker will be George Lee, of the Midland Regional staff. Excursions to places of interest in lovely North Wales, led by the School Chaplain, Rev E J Basil Jones.

Full details of the 'Week of the Year' from Cyril H Carrier, 367 Hungerford Road, Crewc, to whom all bookings should be sent.

### Parties to The Old House

7-10 May

Party from Kent, led by the Rev 'Polly' Perkins, 20 Gordon Terrace, Rochester, Kent.

25-30 May

Party led by Skegg Blanchard, including three nights in Bruges and three nights at The Old House. Returning Spring Bank Holiday Monday. Applications to Skegg at Toc H HQ, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6BT.

26-29 July

Party led by Skegg Blanchard, to include the Penitents' Parade in Veurne.

27-30 August

Party led by the Rev 'Polly' Perkins.

17-24 September

Week's holiday in Poperinge, with visits to the Salient, the Somme, Ieper. Mainly Scottish members, but with vacancies for others interested. Leader: Tom Kennedy, c/o International Office, Toc H, 42 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2AL.

Applications and inquiries to party leaders, please.

## TO THE POINT

■ As members of the Clacton St Raphael Club are the main users of the Toc H minibus for the disabled, they decided to help raise funds to help keep the bus on the road. By organising a big draw they raised nearly £290.

■ St John's women's branch in Sevenoaks, Kent, was well supported at its annual bazaar and raised £50 for the Family Purse and £10 for the Jubilee Fund.

■ And the women's branch in Durrington, West Sussex, held its annual sale of work and produce and raised £60 for Toc H funds.

■ To date the four branches in Rochdale have raised over £150 towards their Jubilee project, to supply the local hospital with ripple beds for bed-bound patients. They have also sent £20 to the Diamond Jubilee Fund. In October they held their Jubilee Service which was attended by over 100 people.

■ In October Weston & Uphill branch, in Avon, arranged its annual 'do' for the disabled and took them out for a drive to some beauty spots. This year they made their stop for tea at a new senior citizens' home where they shared a meal and entertainments with the residents.

■ Evesham ladies' branch celebrated its forty-first anniversary on 4 November. The chairman, Nellie Andrews, was a founder member.

■ Members of Strode Park and Herne branch in Kent enjoyed a reception at their Cripplecrafft home after attending the branch service of rededication. They were joined by several other branches from the Kent coast.



# LETTERS

## **The Director sent the following letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury after his October appeal:**

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for the initiative you have taken. We in Toc H are convinced of the crucial importance of what you are saying, and indeed some of us have been saying similar things for some time.

Central to our approach to the question is the belief that the Christian Gospel shows that values are best discovered from one's own experience. We have to give people the opportunity of discovering for themselves that there are practical ways in which they can contribute to improving the quality of life in their own communities. We have to enable them to discover the importance of personal relationships, to discover that it is not the number and value of our material possessions that brings happiness, but the range and depth of our friendships. Only in this kind of way can we hope to change people's attitudes. We remain a small Movement, but we are encouraged by the number of people, particularly young people, who are discovering, through practical work and the fellowship of small groups, a meaning and a purpose for their lives.

We therefore offer you our respectful thanks. If there is any particular action you feel we could take to support your lead please do not hesitate to ask.

## **A message from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury:**

I was delighted to have the assurance of your support at the present time. I see these efforts to point in the direction of reality about life's true objectives as something which has always been the centre of Toc H's existence. I hope, therefore, that my call will have been an encouragement to renewed effort on the part of all your members.

**John Mitchell, member of staff, sent the following letter to the Bishop of Southwark, on behalf of 18 individuals in Toc H:**

At a meeting of the Central Council of Toc H last week-end, members heard that the Director of Toc H had written to the Archbishop of Canterbury to express the support of Toc H for his initiative. I am writing to you, on behalf of 18 persons present at that meeting, to express as well our appreciation of your contribution to this debate.

While not all members of Toc H would agree with all that you said, we believe most do understand that it is naïve to consider the problems facing people in society without also considering the faults in the structure of society itself. In so far as your statement has reminded people of the need to consider this dimension, we are grateful to you. We might perhaps mention that Toc H members undertake, amongst other things, 'to study local, national and international conditions and their effect on others'.

We would express the sincere hope that people in this country will appreciate that there is much common ground and common concern between yourself and the Archbishop—which we share—and we for our part will do all we can to encourage positive thinking and action on the issues that have been raised.

## **Annual accounts: query**

Members of this branch have been studying the Annual Report for 1974/5, to hand, and many are disgusted by an item which reports the outlay of £33,000 on the building of a house for the General Secretary.

They have also gleaned that this figure does not include the cost of the land as the property stands on ground already in the ownership of the Movement. It is felt, in view of the universal need to practise all possible economies, that a much more modest outlay would have

catered amply for our Secretary's needs.

In another part of the Report branches are asked to 'stop thinking we have a bottomless pit full of money'. Fair comment, if all subscribed to the principles of the worthy parson in Chaucer's tale who 'preached good works but first he practised them himself'.

**Jack Twiss** *Cromer, Norfolk*

*The Hon Treasurer refers readers to his reply to this question, given to Central Council and accepted by that body. His reply is published verbatim on page 3.*

## **Freedom for what?**

Both letters (in December)—but particularly the shorter one—seem to be based on the idea that children are naturally lazy and selfish, and that the school situation should attempt to change that naturally evil state.

At the White Lion Street Free School, we start from a belief that children want to learn and to live a full community life. That means being able to make choices, to control one's own life, to exercise self-discipline. The conventional and to us outdated authoritarian school does not help to develop any of this. You cannot teach self-discipline—you have to provide an environment in which it can develop, by trusting children to take responsibility for their own actions.

We have no wish for children on leaving to 'knuckle down' to any old job situation, however oppressive: we hope that they will be in a position to think critically about employment and help to change unsatisfactory situations. But there is nothing in our experience with young children unaffected by conventional schools to suggest that they find hard work—or getting up early—unattractive.

Those who come to us after some years in secondary school are often a different story: they have been conditioned already to think of themselves as failures, and the apathy that this produces is understandably hard to counter.

**Full-time workers, White Lion Street Free School**  
*Islington*



## Sense and sensibility

I read October View Point with concern, and I profoundly hope that it does not represent the attitude of Toc H.

Certainly 'we need a society whose members are motivated by concern for others rather than by an overriding interest in self', but even compassion needs to be directed aright, as the Lord Chancellor reminded magistrates two weeks ago. To suggest that the evils of our society stem from our too competitive system of education is a remarkable conclusion and a complete *non sequitur*. The statement that our [GCE] system 'is guaranteed to stifle any mental adventure' is demonstrably untrue. Our children are suffering not from too much competition and discipline at school but too little. Youth club leaders I have spoken to confirm this. Children are less interested in playing games competitively and prefer a 'knock-up', which all too often degenerates into horse-play.

Children need reasonable discipline and education guide-lines and the incentive provided by competition. In all too many instances, the adoption of 'progressive methods' has been positively harmful. May I suggest that quite as much as compassion we need more common sense in all walks of life which, as Matthew Arnold sadly commented many years ago, 'is not so common after all!'

I would draw your attention to one of the maxims of the late King George V—to learn to distinguish between sentiment and sentimentality. To respect the one and abhor the other. It is a distinction too few people understand.

**Sir Dudley Harmer, OBE, JP**  
*Ashford, Kent*

Education is essentially training for adult society. It is not therefore illogical to infer that values and attitudes taught in schools will be carried through into the world of work, and to conclude that too much emphasis on competition in schools breeds too competitive and envious a society.

The point about discipline is not that all discipline can be ignored, but that self-discipline is immeasurably more worth while than discipline imposed by others, which relies on the force of external constraints.

**Sue McWilliam**

## Homes for the elderly

The article by George Liddle in the October issue of *Point Three* refers to the ways in which Toc H branches can co-operate with Voluntary Service Housing to provide flats for old people in need.

Without wishing to quarrel with anything his article contains, I would like to draw the attention of branches to another way in which similar objectives can be achieved, viz by setting up a local Abbeyfield Society.

As George Liddle says, provision of sheltered housing is a complex business. Abbeyfield Houses, although by no means simple, are probably something more nearly in the sights of the average branch.

The Society (Head Office at 35A High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5DL, Tel: Potters Bar 43371) operates through local autonomous societies. These run one or more houses, usually with about eight residents each with their own bed-sitter which they furnish and maintain. A resident housekeeper prepares the two main meals of the day.

As chairman of a local society which has recently opened its first house, I speak from only limited experience, but with a profound belief in the work which is being done.

**Leslie Rice (builder)**

*Bishop's Stortford, Herts*

*Note:* Abbeyfield Homes cater for the lonely active elderly: those who do not need nursing care and who wish to preserve their independence and their privacy. The residents pay for the full running costs of the house, which, says the Abbeyfield Society, average out as about £11-£16 per week (*all in*) for houses established over four years ago, and about £20-£30 per

week for houses which have been newly built or converted. These prices obviously vary throughout the country, but, claims the Society, are still considerably below the commercial rate of private homes for the elderly. The Abbeyfield Society emphasises that there is still a terrific need for providing this kind of accommodation. Waiting lists for their existing 640 houses are up to four years long.

## Hare shoot

Whilst appreciating the correspondent's concern at our fund-raising methods, I feel that the sheltered sophistication of an opulent suburban Eastbourne is no place to pass judgement on what appears to be an alien existence in rural Lincolnshire.

In certain farming circumstances there is a very narrow line between animals and vermin. Hares (animal) will appear in a springtime field with succulent plants of many crops beginning a difficult passage to eventual harvest. By the time they have satiated their appetites, hundreds of cotyledon-less plants remain. At times like this, vermin is one of the milder words we use to describe the hare! They are also extremely fond of tulip bulbs, for which the area is famous.

Whilst seedtime and harvest remain, so will February hare shoots in Lincolnshire. There is absolutely no danger of Toc H locally getting a bad image.

Half the funds from this particular shoot are used to give our village 'Over 60s' a New Year party and the remainder goes towards the building of a village float for the world-famous Spalding Flower Parade. Here we raise up to £400 annually for Toc H projects.

If what we are doing is distasteful, I am sorry, but we are nothing if not practical people who accept the facts of life as they affect us. And it is a fact of life that by autumn the hare population will be back at its springtime level and Toc H has benefited in the process.

**Bryn Chappell**

*West Pinchbeck, Lincs*



## Never too old to dance

Ruby Osborne

So Fleet joint branch (N Hants) proved when we took 40 of our senior friends to a Folk Dance Party at Pirbright, in September. There was no need for us to have worried how this unusual event would be received—it was the greatest fun we have had for a long while. Pirbright and St John's (Woking) Folk Dance Clubs between them arranged the programme and the cats, and we organised the transport. More than one pair of elderly legs took to the floor and found renewed life. The cabaret spot included not only songs but also dances from the Court of King Charles I, performed in costume, and a lively demonstration of Long Sword Dancing, originally brought to this country by the Vikings. Truly, we bridged not only one but two generation gaps that evening.

## Safety match

Four apprentices at Chubb & Sons Lock and Safe Company asked a member of Codsall branch, Wolverhampton, to assist them in organising a sponsored table tennis match and promised the proceeds to the Children's Camp Fund of South Staffs/Wulfrun District.

Resulting from the splendid efforts of sponsorship within the company and local branches of Toc H, with the lads playing for a solid 36 hours, a cheque for £290 has been presented to the camp treasurer at the company's annual dance held at Wolverhampton Civic Hall. This amount guarantees half the cost of running the planned 1976 camp.

## If ye'll tak' the high road

Jim Carnduff, Skelmorlie

Members in the Strathclyde District of Scotland are addressing themselves to the problem of communications across their vast territory (there are only three Districts to cover the whole of Scotland) and of how to involve branches in District events. Representatives from Ayr, Prestwick, Largs, Paisley and Glasgow branches and several District members met at Skelmorlie branch in North Ayrshire and agreed to improve communications among themselves and with the Regional office. The

next meeting of the Strathclyde District will be held at Largs Toc H rooms on Sunday 8 February at 2.30 pm. All District and Area members are invited.

Some of the Strathclyde District members who took part in a putting competition at Largs recently. In the evening members got down to discussing District affairs, and, 'Although', writes Jim Carnduff, 'Toc H extension in the area is at a standstill at the moment, the enthusiasm of new members bodes well for the future.'



## West Sussex plan ahead

West Sussex District Executive celebrated the Toc H Diamond Jubilee Year, 1975, by looking ahead and planning for 1976.

To ensure that it will have enough funds to run a number of projects, in particular a summer camp for underprivileged children, West Sussex has organised a series of charity concerts which have received practical support from a number of local organisations and clubs.

The latest effort took place in September, and the climax of the evening of entertainment, to which all artists gave their services free, was the appearance of the Bognor Regis Carnival Queen for 1975, Tricia Todd, to present competition prizes, most of which had been generously donated by leading local traders.

## Centre cheque

The Toc H holiday centre in Rhyl received a welcome boost when a cheque for £370 was presented by Saughall branch, Clwyd, North Wales. Doris Drummond, treasurer of Saughall, handed over the cheque to Geoff Williams of Rhyl at a coffee evening, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Saughall. The Mayor praised Toc H for providing seaside holidays for needy children and said he and his wife were only too anxious to encourage such efforts by voluntary organisations.

## Kind thought

Seen recently in the Fleet joint branch newsletter:

'If you feel shy about coming on your own then give us a ring first ... we really are a very friendly group. Come along and see for yourself.'



## Santa beats Guy Fawkes!

Father Christmas managed to get to Melton, in Leicestershire, even before Guy Fawkes last year. Santa's early appearance at the Toc H Bazaar at Melton's Corn Exchange helped to raise £620, some of which was being used to extend the alarm system for house-bound people, launched by Toc H just over a year ago.

In the evening the younger people in Toc H organised a successful disco to help swell the funds.



Going for a lucky dip at Melton Mowbray's bazaar: Susan and Alison Biggerstaff (aged 9 and 6). They were also able to watch a procession of the Tally Ho Carnival Band and Father Christmas  
Photo: R & D Studios, Melton Mowbray

## 'Then and Now'

Did you know that you could make a rich brandy cake with eight eggs, in 1915, for 1s 3d? While a ready mixed packet in 1975 will cost you 20p! So Hampden Park women's branch demonstrated at a South Sussex District gathering at Seaford in November. The theme of the evening entertainment was 'Then and Now'. Doc Mitchell spoke on the topic 'Sixty Years On'.

## FOLK '76

**Dor Knap 15-19 April 1976**

Cost £10

Over the four-day Easter holiday period we are hoping to run folk workshops, guitar tuition, a shindig, a ceilidh, and Bob Knight will be using taped poetry and music to thread the Passion Story throughout the holiday. We will also be helping with a spot of work around the house and gardens. This is a participation event, so bring your harp to the party!

## ACCENT ON POETRY

**Alison House 7-9 May 1976**

Cost £8

Whether you write, read or just enjoy listening to poetry, this is the week-end for you. We try not to get too high-minded and we have lots of fun. Poets and poetry societies from all over Britain are represented and you can hear more on how to get published and present your work, etc. See you there!

Applications for both week-ends to Sue Sutton, Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT.



The Acton and Garden Village branch in Wrexham has presented an intensive care bed to the War Memorial Hospital, Wrexham. The £300 bed was formally handed over by branch assistant secretary, Norman Bithell, to Dr Marie Brookes, consultant in charge of the casualty department at the hospital. Hospital patient David Roberts tries out the bed, watched by Sister Jean Shields

Photo: Starjournal Studios

Point Three likes to be able to claim a 'first', and we are grateful to have this poem written by a member of the 'Accent on Poetry' week-end, Sheila Tilling. The poem was actually written during the week-end last year at Alison House and it will be the first work that Sheila has had published.

## Double Figures

**Sheila Tilling**

Horse chestnut candles burn for  
her once more  
Within the May-time morning's  
fractured rays  
And by the wall the purple  
waterfall seems hushed.  
Hidden games disturb the blue-  
bells' misty haze  
And birds with young to feed  
Hold back from shadowy may-fly  
play  
Excitement bubbles round these  
ever-greens  
Magnolia blossoms never seemed  
so gay  
Whoever's in the garden knows  
Suzie is ten today.

Ethereal rhythms join her in the  
dance  
An insubstantial rosy-ring for  
three  
They chase the daylight moon-  
shine through the caves  
And tiling of the infant leaves.  
Cavallettis made from brooms  
Tea in latticed willow rooms  
How spirited the play  
They would not harm her  
Whoever is in the garden's glad  
Suzie is ten today.

## Stamp Appeal

Dennis Walker wishes to acknowledge gifts of stamps from: A F McDonald (Australia), Walter Renner (Germany), Miss E Cartmill, Lt-Col C Gilbert, Bill Menhenick, Canon John Webdell, HQ Wendover; branches: Darlington Central (w), Honiton (m), Richmond, Yorkshire (w), Stourbridge (w), Swannington (w), Tavistock (m).



# What's on in '76

**On most week-ends at Dor Knap and Alison House there are vacancies for members outside the branch or District concerned. Applications should be made to Tommy Trinder at Dor Knap or Frank Howlett at Alison House.**

## **Dor Knap**

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|-----|-------|--|
| Jan | 9-11  | Outward Group                                |
|     | 12-15 | Staff Retreat                                |
|     | 23-25 | National Week-end Community Service Orders   |
|     | 30-1  | Mid-Eastern Region                           |
| Feb | 6-8   | Mid-Eastern Region                           |
|     | 13-15 | Hereford/Worcester Education Youth Committee |
|     | 20-22 | South Eastern Region                         |
|     | 27-29 | West Midlands & South Wales projects         |
| Mar | 5-7   | Mill Hill East Church                        |
|     | 12-14 | East Midlands Group-Ray Fabes                |
|     | 19-21 | St John's Church, Walworth                   |
|     | 26-28 | Worcester Diocese Youth Committee            |
| Apr | 2-4   | South Eastern Regional Executive and staff   |
|     | 5-9   | Jaywick Primary School                       |
|     | 9-11  | South African Project                        |
|     | 15-19 | Folk '76-Sue Sutton and Bob Knight           |
|     | 23-25 | West Midlands & South Wales Region           |
|     | 26-30 | St Mary's School, Shenfield                  |
|     | 30-2  | West Essex District                          |
| May | 7-9   | Beds, Herts & North Bucks                    |
|     | 14-16 | Toc H and Industry-John Mitchell             |
|     | 21-23 | New River District                           |
|     | 28-31 | Whitsun working party                        |
|     | 31    | Spring Bank Holiday festivities              |
| Jun | 4-6   | Fellowship of the Services, Huddersfield     |
|     | 11-13 | International Week-end                       |
|     | 18-20 | South Western Region                         |
|     | 25-27 | Lindley & Huddersfield                       |
| Jul | 2-5   | Summer School-Bob Knight                     |
|     | 9-11  | Inner London week-end                        |
|     | 17-24 | Music and Painting Week                      |
|     | 24-31 | Music and Painting Week                      |

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| Aug | 7-14  | Multiple Sclerosis Week |
|     | 14-21 | Warden's Week           |
|     | 21-28 | Cotswold Holiday Week   |

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| Sep | 3-5   | Harrow branch    |
|     | 10-12 | East Midlands    |
|     | 17-19 | Bristol District |
|     | 24-26 | Doncaster branch |

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| Oct | 1-3   | National Projects Conference |
|     | 9-16  | Music and Painting Week      |
|     | 22-24 |                              |
|     | 29-31 | Astwood Bank Baptist Church  |

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| Nov | 5-7   | Central Council, Swanwick |
|     | 12-14 | Solihull Branch           |

## **Alison House**

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| Jan | 2-4   |   |
|     | 9-11  |   |
|     | 16-18 |   |
|     | 20-21 | Midland Staff Clump meeting                       |
|     | 23-25 |   |
|     | 30-1  |   |
| Feb | 8     | Alfreton Church lunch and tea                     |
|     | 13-15 |   |
|     | 20-22 |   |
|     | 27-29 |   |
| Mar | 5-7   | Manchester Area                                   |
|     | 12-14 | Manchester Legal Executives                       |
|     | 19-21 | Nottingham Young Life Campaign                    |
|     | 26-28 | Alison House leisure week-end                     |
| Apr | 2-4   | North East Regional Council                       |
|     | 5-8   | Boston Spa Comprehensive School                   |
|     | 9-11  | North Wales & North West Region                   |
|     | 16-18 |   |
|     | 23-25 | Notts and Derby Area                              |
|     | 28-5  | Birch House School, Brigg                         |
| May | 7-9   | Accent on Poetry week-end-Sue Sutton              |
|     | 11-12 | YMCA Secretaries' Fraternal, Wolverhampton        |
|     | 14-17 | Kitwood Secondary Girls' School, Boston           |
|     | 21-23 | Grantham Methodists Education and Youth Committee |
|     | 27-1  | East Midlands Area                                |
| Jun | 4-9   | Louth RDC Age Concern holiday                     |
|     | 11-15 | Framwellgate Moor Comprehensive School, Durham    |
|     | 18-20 | North Wales & North West Region                   |
|     | 25-27 | Independent Order of Rechabites                   |



Jul 2-4 Alison House leisure week-end  
 8-15 Holiday week-Beryl Pugh and Kay Jennings  
 17-24 North Tees Hospital project: geriatric holiday  
 27-5 Vauxhall Centre, Norwich: holiday for handicapped

Aug 7-14 Holiday week-Mike Bullock  
 17-24 Painting week  
 26-2 Holiday week-Marjorie Berry

Sep 4-5 St Stephen's painting club, Huddersfield  
 8-15 Bromborough branch project: holiday for blind  
 17-19 North Eastern Region  
 24-26 Alison House leisure week-end

Oct 1-3 Merseyside District  
 8-10 Independent Order of Rechabites  
 15-17 AEI Manchester Debating Society  
 22-24 Nottingham Society of Artists  
 29-31 Nottingham Young Life Campaign

Nov 5-6 Derby Diocesan Church and Industry Conference  
 12-14 Notts and Derby Area  
 19-21  
 26-28

Dec 3-5 Central Executive Committee  
 10-12  
 18 Staff party  
 24-28 Christmas house party

### Colsterdale

Jan 2-4 Otley Venture Scouts  
 16-18 Hatfield Borstal (staff)  
 23-25 Manchester University Bellringers  
 30-1 Hatfield Borstal (activities)

Feb 6-8 Otley Venture Scouts  
 13-15 Toc H York ladies' branch  
 20-22 Highfield Methodist Youth Club  
 27-29 Toc H West Pinchbeck branch, Lincs

Mar 5-7 Toc H Wolds District project  
 12-14 Toc H Wellingborough Action Group  
 15-19 Valley Comprehensive School, Workop  
 19-21 St Andrew's Church, Wakefield  
 26-28 Priesthorpe School, Pudsey  
 29-2 Hatfield Borstal (working)

Apr 2-4 Hull Industrial Mission  
 9-11 Colsterdale Committee  
 12-18 Toc H Wolds District project  
 23-25 Toc H Sheffield Swimming Group  
 30-2 West Yorkshire Probation Service, Leeds

May 3-7 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 7-14 Valley Comprehensive School, Workop  
 14-16 Project Leaders' week-end, Yorkshire  
 17-21 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 21-23 West Yorkshire Probation Service, Leeds  
 24-28 Richmond School, Yorkshire  
 28-30 Otley Venture Scouts  
 31-4 King Edward VII Upper School, Melton Mowbray

Jun 4-6 Rotherham 1st Scouts  
 11-13 West Yorkshire Probation Service, Leeds  
 14-18 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 18-20 Toc H Paddock ladies' branch, Huddersfield  
 21-25 King Edward VII Upper School, Melton Mowbray  
 25-27 Toc H Teesside District  
 28-2 Hatfield Borstal (working)

Jul 2-4 Toc H Bradford Volunteers  
 5-9 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 12-16 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 16-23 Leeds Social Services Department  
 23-30 Toc H Darlington District project  
 30-6 Toc H Darlington District project

Aug 9-15 Toc H Hild District, Hartlepool  
 16-22 Toc H Wellingborough Action Group  
 23-29 South Yorkshire Probation Service

Sep 3-5 Otley Venture Scouts  
 6-10 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 10-12 Hatfield Borstal (activities)  
 13-17 South Yorkshire Probation Service  
 17-19 Yorkshire projects (follow-up)  
 24-26 Newsome Church, Huddersfield  
 27-1 Hatfield Borstal (working)

Oct 1-8 Valley Comprehensive School, Workop  
 8-10 West Yorkshire Probation Service, Leeds  
 29-31 Leeds Social Services Department

Nov 5-7 West Yorkshire Probation Service, Leeds  
 8-12 Hatfield Borstal (working)  
 12-14 Otley Venture Scouts  
 19-21 Toc H York ladies' branch  
 22-26 Priesthorpe School, Pudsey  
 26-28 Hatfield Borstal (activities)

Dec 3-5 West Yorkshire Probation Service, Leeds  
 17-19 Otley Venture Scouts



# Community Care and Concern

**Last July 'Point Three' reported on the opening of the Toc H Community Care and Concern Centre in Huddersfield. Here Bill Bains, a member of the North Eastern Regional staff, brings us up to date with the Centre's progress.**

The Toc H Community Care and Concern project is steadily progressing. Much has been achieved by a great deal of quiet dedication. At the outset the project seemed insurmountable and far beyond the capabilities of the Huddersfield District. There has never been any doubt in my mind that, given the aforesaid dedication, the project could do anything but succeed—because the need for it was so clearly evident. Our one difficulty has always been to prevent those who were willing to become involved from becoming discouraged, and to generate sufficient interest amongst those who were unwilling to become associated with the project to relent and offer their help.¶

The Information Centre since its opening last April has received 43 inquiries, and while this may not seem a great deal it must be remembered that we are still in the position of trying to win the confidence of the Brackenhall community. It is truly remarkable when one considers the achievements of the past six months in the light of the fact that we have been in operation so short a time. The Information Centre has been instrumental in helping in a wide variety of ways: four clients came with gas bills that were the result of their not really understanding how to control their new central heating system installed by the council as part of a housing refurbishing programme. Not only were we able to find a solution to their

financial problem, but saw to it that the Gas Board sent a representative to explain how the system could be operated economically. A simple request: an elderly man who had been sleeping on two chairs desperately needed a bed. His home help had the confidence to ask for our assistance and he had a bed in under four days. An elderly lady has been rehoused in more suitable accommodation as the result of our intervention. There have been deeper and more personal problems that it would be wrong

for me to detail, but we have been able to give help and support.

The Afternoon Tea Club is almost a by-product of an inquiry on a different matter: it was discovered that the elderly lady had little or no social outlet on the estate and was invited to call at the Centre for a 'cuppa' any Wednesday afternoon. From this was born the idea of a tea club for elderly and lonely people on the estate. One lady who needs transportation had not been out



Director Ken Prideaux-Brune visited the Community Care and Concern Centre last October, and met Social Service and Council officials in Huddersfield. (Left to right): Mr Ronald Coles, Director of Social Services; Cllr Reginald Hartley, chairman of Kirklees Social Services Committee; Mrs Elaine Lockwood, Toc H member and secretary of CCC; Ken Prideaux-Brune, Director of Toc H; Bill Bains, North East Regional staff; Cllr John Mernagh, councillor for the Brackenhall community.

Ken Prideaux-Brune commented: 'The Social Services are realising that they can only hope to maintain a reasonable level of service by a much greater use of volunteers. Human need cannot be met by a professional social work service alone. . . . People can come to us knowing that they will be treated as friends.'

Photo: Huddersfield Daily Examiner



of her home for two years following a stroke. There are now some 68 members of the club with an average attendance of 32 each fortnight. We are again extremely grateful for the help of some Toc H members who help with the catering. Community singing, a talk, tea and cakes, and more singing is the usual fare that is greatly enjoyed by those attending. There were raffles to raise funds for a Christmas party and the prospect of an outing to Bridlington this summer. We have given them not only an opportunity for social contact but also something to look forward to and plan for.

Community Care spans the generations by providing a three-week playscheme for 13 mentally handicapped children. It is hoped that this scheme will be the forerunner of a regular means by which parents can enjoy a respite during the long summer holidays and volunteers from the sixth-form colleges can join us.

One gratifying aspect of this project is that we have been able to bring to the knowledge of the whole of Huddersfield that Toc H cares and can be counted upon to be a good neighbour in times of need. The project is only really beginning and in 1976 should see a greater development with the added bonus of more and more people being brought into contact with Toc H in Huddersfield.

The handful of members who have helped in a hundred ways have the gratitude of all those who have welcomed their help and concern, many of whom had never heard of Toc H until this past six months. We are still in need of help of any member who is willing, and we would be grateful to have the names of anyone outside Toc H who may be willing to help as a receptionist at the Centre or with the Afternoon Tea Club, or indeed with any of the activities that have been found necessary in Community Care.

# Old Mother Hubbard

**Financial cut-backs are posing a severe threat to the social services. Two months ago the Government announced cash limits on the Exchequer rate support grant and imposed a standstill on local authority spending. Cuts in services are inevitable. For many people, this means they won't get help when they need it—unless volunteers can step in and plug the gaps.**

**Our Director has said that in this climate resources should be switched to the best-organised voluntary organisations. But are we ready to help? John Biggerstaff, member of staff in the Mid-Eastern Region, formerly a probation officer, suggests how co-operation between volunteer and professional might begin.**

Recent central and local government cut-backs have seriously affected the standard of personal social services, to a degree never before experienced in the development of the Welfare State in the United Kingdom. The reasons for this are in my opinion simple: each one of us is either unprepared or unable to pay sufficient to ensure the continuing development of the services for which we have come to rely upon the State.

It is necessary now to find other ways of relieving some of the responsibility which we have placed upon the Welfare State so that we can avoid a deterioration in service to those whose needs are greatest. The Seeborn Report, which investigated personal social services, said that: 'The social service department should play an important part in giving support, both financial and professional, to vigorous-looking voluntary organisations which can demonstrate good standards of service. . .'

Most, if not all, social service departments have attempted to do this by appointing Voluntary Organisation Liaison Officers, through whom a direct contact with the department has been possible for the very first time. These liaison officers have encouraged a positive partnership between statutory and voluntary services, to their mutual benefit. However, central government has not altogether helped

local authorities to meet their responsibilities by passing more legislation, which has only increased the burden placed upon the social service department and indirectly on the local ratepayer. (Eg The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act of 1970.) It is becoming increasingly apparent that local authorities and the public together will have to reach a clearer understanding of priorities and will have to work out how, between them, they can provide services. The financial burden affecting everyone can then be reduced.

How then do we as members of a Movement which expresses itself as believing that 'people matter first', and that 'neighbourliness is still important', show a lead in the present doubtful financial climate? The old concept of the volunteer being a 'do-gooder' satisfying his or her social conscience in a paternalistic and patronising fashion, no longer holds up to close examination. On the contrary, the middle-class volunteer is becoming a scarcer commodity as he feels the financial consequences of the present economic plight. No longer are people able to give of their transport and petrol as well as their time and trouble, without some form of compensation. This is not to suggest that volunteers be paid for their effort but rather that they should not be out of pocket and so be prevented from giving of their time, which is the



rarest commodity available to us all. Social service departments may support, only too willingly, paying money to voluntary bodies to offset expenses incurred by volunteers in complementing the work that they themselves are required to do. For example, the WRVS meals-on-wheels service receives grants for its volunteer drivers and helpers.

Toc H exercises its 'service' function in a diversity of ways, which makes for difficulty when considering approaches to local social service departments for grants. In the past it seems to have been sufficient to have asked for money simply to continue Toc H work in the area and this may, or may not, have been understood by the Council, when deciding how to allocate grants. It seems unlikely that this practice will continue and all members considering applying for financial aid should, in all fairness to themselves, the local council, and ultimately the ratepayer, present a clear, concise description of the work entailed.

Most local authorities will want to know that the grants they make are used responsibly and not given for administrative purposes. Toc H has a long history of responsible stewardship, but members should not take exception to presenting a full description of the work envisaged on the grounds that this has not been required before.

Toc H in having its spiritual values, epitomised in the Four Points, has a dimension that other organisations working actively in the field of social service do not have. In consequence, it might be more opportune for Toc H to be a 'searcher-out' of needs, not just rushing into a job but pin-pointing gaps in provision, and continually looking for the best ways to fill them.

Are we equipped to make an honest test of our Christian beliefs in a practical way? Toc H

has never yet shirked its responsibilities and the challenge has never been greater than now. How many can put hand upon heart and say with honesty that they still know their local area? Before achieving anything in the community its needs have to be sought and identified. When the gaps are clearly known, the way is open for a community watchdog to monitor local effort, and this not only can, but should be, an active role for Toc H.

While there remains some doubt as to the future form of the government Urban Aid Programme, all branches contemplating work in their local community should acquaint themselves first and foremost with the terms of application, as they may find that they are eligible for government aid. Details can be obtained from the local social service department, whose job it is to receive all applications to consider which they would wish to sponsor. They are required to find 25 per cent of the total cost, the remainder being made available by central government. A detailed description and costing of the applicant's scheme is required and this needs to be submitted by March each year to the local authority, who must indicate to the Government by about September which of the schemes submitted they would be willing to sponsor.

Each and everyone of us has to find ways in which we can become more effective within our community, and one way might be to examine more closely how we could establish joint consultations between the local statutory and voluntary bodies. Such consultations with the voluntary service liaison officer will without doubt prove of immense value.

Toc H by being a non-specialist organisation should be flexible and dynamic enough to meet the challenge of the current crisis in the social welfare and caring services, and thereby stand witness to its beliefs.

## Obituary

**We regret to announce the death of the following members:**

**In September:** John S Thomson (Prestwick).

**In October:** Harold H Beadle (Goring-by-Sea), Clifford Cocker (Leeds), Cyril J Haddock (Treforest), Edith L Harburn (Bishop Auckland), Lilian E Huxtable (South East Essex District).

**In November:** Dr H G Wimbush (South Sussex District).

**We give thanks for their lives.**

## Welcome Point

**The following branches elected new members during November:**

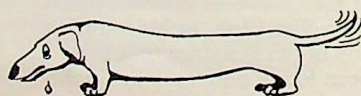
- 7—Southill (w).
- 5—Hunmanby (w), Inner London District.
- 4—Melton Mowbray (w).
- 3—Springfields District.
- 2—Goring-by-Sea (m), Hitchin (w), St Albans (w), Sale (j), Troon ladies' Group.
- 1—Broadway (m), Central Overseas, Cheadle Hulme (w), Hartley Wintney (w), Hemel Hempstead (m), Hoddesdon (w), Honiton (w), Hove (w), Lee (m), Milborne Port (m), Mundesley (m), Nailsea (m), Netherton (w), New Addington (m), Presteigne (m), Rushden Pytchley (w), Scarborough (j), South Yorks District, Troon (m).

**Welcome to 53 new members.**

## Point on communication

There was a dachshund once so long

He hadn't any notion  
How long it took to notify  
His tail of his emotion.  
And so it happened while his eyes  
Were filled with tears and sadness,  
His little tail went wagging on  
Because of previous gladness.

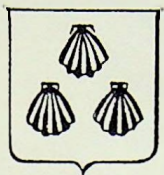




## Small advertisements

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) five weeks before publication day, which is the first of the month. The charge is 3p a word (minimum 30p) to *Point Three* magazine. Rates of display advertisements can be obtained from the Editorial Office, Toc H, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks. Telephone: 0296 623911.

**Raise funds quickly, easily.** Superb ball-pens, combs, key fobs, diaries, etc, gold stamped to your requirements. Details: NORTHERN NOVELTIES, Bradford BD1 3HE.



**Bruges, Belgium.** Hotel Jacobs (established 50 years) welcomes Toc H parties and individual visitors to this lovely old city within easy reach of other famous cities

of art, and of the coast. Comfortable, modernised hotel. Quiet situation. Parking. English spoken. Strongly recommended. Bed and breakfast only. Mr Jules Lietaert, HOTEL JACOBS, Balleststraat 1, Bruges 8000. Telephone: (050) 398 31/32.

**Bungalow offered** by member at reasonable charges. Apply Mrs O J Blackaby, 20 Berkeley Avenue, Poole, Dorset BH12 4HZ.

**Member's seaside cottage** for self-catering holidays any time; particularly reasonable early/late in Cornwall's long season. 134 Fore Street, Newlyn, Penzance.

**Book now** for a holiday at Warden Manor, historic manor house set in unspoilt country, near sea. Happy Toc H fellowship. Open 3 July-11 September. £17-£20 weekly (children £14+VAT, includes full board, four meals daily). All games (tennis, table tennis, putting, etc) and entertainments are free. Contact John Cole at his home address: 4A Berridge Road, Sheerness, Kent.

## Point Three face-lift

Next month we will be having a new-look *Point Three*—as part of a plan to cut costs on the magazine.

It has become obvious that production costs must be cut. Last year the magazine lost £4,000, as printing, postage and paper prices soared.

We can make substantial savings by changing the printing method from letterpress to lithography and by composing the text on the IBM Selectric Composer at Wendover. This change means that the magazine will be re-designed, and we are taking advantage of the economies to be made from using the international standard paper sizes and are enlarging the magazine to A4 (8½ in by 11½ in). The number of pages will be reduced from 24 to 16—but you won't be losing out, as in fact the actual printing area is 5 sq in bigger with the new magazine.

This new format gives us a superb opportunity to use larger and more effective photos and a more imaginative design. So *Point Three* will need some really good photos from all of you!

Delivery will be a few days earlier, and the magazine will be despatched from Wendover by the beginning of the month of issue. It obviously makes sense to take advantage of this improvement by getting it distributed quickly at your end.

Deadline dates for copy are unaltered: ie by 23 January for March.

And—most important—the price stays at 10p. Great value! Let's have everyone's support for the Movement's magazine: buy your own copy now. It is imperative that we keep up the circulation.

## WEEK-END PROJECTS

### Bristol: 28-31 May

Trewint Gardens is a small cul-de-sac of bungalows for elderly people mostly confined to wheelchairs. Our mornings will be spent in and around the bungalows; we shall be taking the residents for outings during the afternoons and early evenings. We hope to make this a Bank Holiday week-end which the residents will remember for years to come. Volunteers will need to arrive on Friday evening and leave late on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. Sleeping bags required. Cost: £1. All applications and inquiries to Miss Chris Devitt, 12 Antrim Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 4BS. Telephone: Bristol 622292.

### Birmingham: 12-14 March

Cost probably between £1 and £2. Now here's something really exciting: a 'What is Toc H?' week-end. But this experimental week-end will take place only if enough people express an interest.

Living at the Birmingham Centre and cooking for ourselves. ... Listening to some outside speakers on their impressions of Toc H. ... Who was Tubby

Clayton? ... What is the Ceremony of Light? ... Can you be an atheist and still join up? (Come to think of it, I don't know the answer to that one myself.) Come along to find out some of the answers, there will be lots of opportunities for you to disagree. This could well be the most interesting week-end project of the year. Contact Ged Bates, 021-449 4668.

### Dor Knap: 28-31 May

We thought that all you Dor Knap fans should have advance warning of this exciting long week-end. Arriving at Dor Knap on Friday night (transport problems can be sorted out), volunteers will be living in this beautiful old farmhouse for the whole week-end—none of this self-catering rubbish! Saturday and Sunday will be spent preparing Dor Knap for Monday's 'Open Day'—erecting stalls, pitching tents, sorting out car-parking arrangements—whatever needs to be done and probably a whole lot more. Acting as stewards for the Open Day itself. The project will end on the Monday evening. Contact Ged Bates, 021-449 4668.



# TAKE YOUR PARTNERS

A normal life is denied to occupants of invalid chairs.  
In many places TOC H members campaign for improved access  
to public places for the disabled. Special dances, invented by TocH  
member Jimmy Savile, help volunteer and handicapped  
enjoy something together on equal terms.

TocHcares 



## 'The best we've ever had'

Members are already using the illustrated poster sets with dramatic effect. Requests are also being received from organisations like Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Youth Service.

Now you can illustrate Toc H action in every shop in town and be confident of a perfect back-up for extension, appeals, bazaars, carnivals and exhibitions.

Have you bought a set? Your 1976 plans are going to look drab without it!

Six different illustrated posters in full colour and one extra, blank for branch addresses . . . only £1.

Each set is complete with instructions on siting and supervising a poster campaign.